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HEW TO THE LINE.

"THE QUALITY OF LIBERTY
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QUANTITY OF RESTRAINT
WE PUT UPON THE GOVERN-
MENT."
—DANIEL WEBSTER.

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MCKINLEY VS. SILVER.

A LARGE-sized boom is being turned loose in the Republican camp, by the jingo-politicians, in the interest of Bill McKinley and his bill. This "favorite son" of Ohio, is receiving a regular brass band nomination for the office of president, by his admirers all over the country where the gold standard men are running the politics of the g. o. p. Mr. McKinley not only represents the most radical doctrine of protection for protection's sake, but he is a typical representative of the so-called "honest money" fallacy. He is as much a "gold bug" as John Sherman or John G. Carlisle. Therefore, should he receive the nomination for president, at the hands of the St. Louis convention, the friends of "free silver" could take no comfort from that fact, no matter what the platform might declare, as it is well-known that a political platform is expressly made "to get in on," and not "to stand on after election."

It is now evident to a blind man, that the gold men of the g. o. p. intend to force the old tariff issue to the front as the leading question of the campaign, and thereby detract attention from the money question. This same scheme will doubtless be attempted by the "sound money" plutocrats of the Democratic party, and thereby try to relegate the silver question to "innocuous desuetude." But such a course will be futile, if we judge the spirit, temper and character of the "free coiners" correctly. The financial or money question is the overshadowing issue of the coming contest, and no set of political fakirs can divert the minds of the people from the real issue. If neither of the old parties recognize the needs of the people, in this their hour of tribulation, then it will be the duty of all friends of free silver to unite for the common purpose of destroying the tyrant which has been gradually crushing the rights and liberties of the masses for over twenty years. No McKinley boom or Carlisle boom can be made big enough to drown the cries of the suffering and impoverished American voters, and who demand the restoration of the money of the constitution, which was demonetized by another "favorite son" of Ohio, in 1873, by false pretences, which amounted to a public crime.

The men who stand as advocates for the white metal, both in the South and in the West, are deeply in earnest, and the noise of brass bands, the booming of cannon, nor the hurrahs of "golden" throats in launching the McKinley boom, will deter them from their duty, or cause them to abandon the fight for justice and human rights, in this, the most important crisis through which this country has passed since 1861. Republicans who love their country better than they do their party, will not be hoodwinked by the McKinley boom, as it means a gold standard, and a destruction of our prosperity and liberty, and the founding of a gold aristocracy that will rule and ruin a vast majority of the people of this land of freedom and equal rights.

The New York World is the greatest Democratic paper in America, except the Broad Ax, and you can get both one year for \$2.50. You will need both during the presidential year.

A FABLE WHICH IN NOT A FABLE.

When the writer was a young man, a good many years ago, on an occasion of crossing the Mississippi river on a crowded ferry, a violent dispute arose between two passengers, which resulted in their drawing off their coats and starting to engage in blows, from which they were prevented with apparent difficulty by the bystanders. After the landing of the boat at the levee of a large city, the two belligerent fellows were soon lost in the crowd, when it was ascertained that no less than five persons had their pockets picked while crossing the river. And it was further found out that it was all accomplished while the pretended quarrel and fight was going on; and that the two principals in the fight, together with their confederates, had all met in a saloon near by and divided up their ill-gotten gains.

MORAL.

In a large and proud city, the capital of a populous and free nation, under the dome of that magnificent building from which the Goddess of Liberty holds aloft the scales of justice, the representatives of two hoary-headed political parties, are now striving to get up a sham fight over an ancient feud—called the tariff question—whereby they can divert public attention, and enable the bankers and Shylocks of the East to reap a rich harvest, by leaving undone the necessary financial legislation demanded in the interest of the people. Signs of warning should be posted on the entrance of the Capitol: "Beware of pickpockets." And in the coming election the sign, "Beware of pickpockets," should be inscribed at every crossroad, and placed over the door of every voting precinct in the United States. Tariff is no longer a serious question of dispute; it is only the pretext, or false alarm, to mislead the voter, and cause him to blindly follow the party war cry.

We believe the time has come when the cry of "a fight, a fight" on the tariff, will cause the voters to turn away with a smile of scorn at the gauziness of the sham of these flim-flamers, and protect their valuables by insisting that these old ex-champion tariff boxers shall be retired, and a new champion brought out, who will bear a shield of silver and gold, at the ratio of 16 to 1. In the meantime let the motto be conspicuously displayed, to "Beware of Pickpockets."

THE BROAD AX

At Eureka, Spanish Fork and Payson.

DURING the past ten days we made our second business trip to the above mentioned cities, where we received a very warm reception from our numerous friends and readers of the Broad Ax. And we felt greatly encouraged when we found all of those who had subscribed for the Broad Ax on our former visit, were willing and ready to renew their subscriptions, and they were all greatly pleased with the improved appearance of the Broad Ax.

While in Eureka we spent a very pleasant evening at the elegant home of Mayor John McChrystal. Mr. McChrystal is extensively engaged in the mining and mercantile business, and he is one of the wealthiest men in Eureka.

R. G. Wilson, Esq., owner of the Eureka Hotel, is a friend and reader

of the Broad Ax. Mr. Wilson is a large real estate owner, and one of the best business men in Eureka. When we called on J. A. Price, Esq., city recorder, we found Mr. Price sick in bed, which we very much regretted to see. Mr. Price is a friend of the colored people, and he is an old-time Jacksonian Democrat.

On calling on Prof. Bowen we were received in a very cordial manner by the Professor and by all of the other members of his estimable family. The Professor and his family have a great many books and newspapers to peruse, but they are all very warm friends and readers of the Broad Ax.

Nephi Hanson, Esq., of Spanish Fork, is a friend and reader of the Broad Ax. Mr. Hanson is one of the best business men in Spanish Fork. The Broad Ax is a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chisholm; also John Jones, Esq., superintendent of the Co-op., is a friend and reader of the Broad Ax, and a great many more of the best citizens of that beautiful little city are readers of the Broad Ax.

While in Payson, we spent a very enjoyable evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson, Jr. Mr. Wilson is superintendent of the Co-op., and he is also interested in various other business enterprises. He is regarded by all of his associates as being one of the best and most successful business men in Payson. Mrs. Wilson is a very amiable lady to meet. She prepared for us a very elaborate supper, which we greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Wilson is a warm friend and reader of the Broad Ax.

James M. Boyle, Esq., is a friend and reader of the Broad Ax. Mr. Boyle is a good Jeffersonian Democrat.

E. Openshower, of Santaquin, is a reader of the Broad Ax. Mr. Openshower is superintendent of the Co-op., and he is a first class business man and a staunch Democrat.

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Other new readers of the Broad Ax are the following: John Walsh, mayor of Farmington; E. T. Clark, Esq., capitalist.

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We notice that the bimetallic party of California last week declared in favor of Morgan, of Alabama, for President, and Allen, of Nebraska, for Vice-President. We accept the amendment to our ticket as to the second place, and say, Hurrah for Morgan. The Broad Ax claims to be the first paper in the United States to nominate John T. Morgan for President, and we feel somewhat elated to see how his name is growing in favor all over the country. With such an executive head, the people of this country would see the dawn of hope, amid the boundless ocean of adversity which now surrounds our country.

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